

821—2.4 (48A) Paperless (electronic) registration forms. Any voter registration agency and the office of driver services, department of transportation, may devise a system of collecting registration applications without using paper forms, in accordance with the following restrictions:

2.4(1) All information required to be disclosed on a voter registration form shall be collected by the agency and captured electronically. The applicant shall also be asked to disclose the optional information solicited by the form if that information is not captured as a part of the agency's own record-making process.

2.4(2) The applicant shall be shown a list of the eligibility requirements for registering to vote and the penalties for falsely registering, printed or displayed in large, easy-to-read type, and shall be advised to read them.

2.4(3) The application to register to vote and the signature of the applicant shall be recorded in digitized form in the agency's computer system and shall be kept permanently by the agency. The system shall ensure that neither the application information nor the signature, once captured, can be edited.

2.4(4) The agency shall develop procedures so that the digitized signature can be retrieved and reproduced on paper. Within three working days of receipt of an order from a state or federal court, the agency shall provide a reproduction of the requested application and signature.

2.4(5) The agency shall transmit electronic registration records to the registrar in accordance with 821—Chapter 8.

2.4(6) In the case of a voter registration applicant who registers to vote online through the Web site of the office of driver services, department of transportation, the applicant's signature for voter registration purposes shall be the last signature on file with the office of driver services, department of transportation. If there is no signature on file with the office of driver services, department of transportation, the applicant shall be offered the opportunity to print, complete, sign and return a paper copy of the Iowa voter registration application.

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